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British Medical Association

CURRENT NOTES

Legacies for Medical Charities

The Charities Committee of the Association had before it at its last meeting a suggestion that the attention of medical practitioners who thought of leaving charitable bequests should be drawn to the prior claims of the medical charities. An examination of the wills of medical men who have made bequests for benevolent purposes reveals that comparatively seldom are such bequests made to any of the medical charities. As these bodies have an increasing number of claims of a really distressing character from members of the medical profession or their dependants, and have at their disposal means which are quite inadequate to relieve these cases properly, the Charities Committee wishes to suggest to medical practitioners who propose to make bequests to charities that they should bear in mind the pressing claims of those charities which belong to their own profession.

Employment of Unqualified Persons by Insurance Companies

The Medico-Political Committee has recently dealt with a complaint by a hospital surgeon that a certain insurance company had advised a patient who was being treated at a hospital for injuries caused by an accident to undergo a course of treatment by an osteopath. The insurance company paid the very substantial fees of the osteopath, and subsequently, the treatment having failed, sent the patient back for treatment to the hospital, to which it paid nothing. Representations were made by the Association to the insurance company, with very satisfactory results. The company, realizing that such action was not likely to improve its relations with the medical profession, and also recognizing that the money spent on the osteopath had been wasted, has given an assurance that it will not employ unqualified practitioners in the future.

Association Notices

CENTRAL COUNCIL ELECTION

The voting by members of the Northern Ireland and Monaghan and Cavan Branches has resulted in the election of Dr. J. C. Loughridge of Whitewell, Belfast, as a member of the Central Council.

ELECTION OF MEMBER OF COUNCIL BY EAST YORKSHIRE AND NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE, AND MIDLAND BRANCHES

Notice is hereby given that, owing to the death of Dr. R. Wallace Henry, a vacancy has been created in the Central Council. Nominations to fill the vacancy may be either by a Division within the area of the East Yorkshire and North Lincolnshire, and Midland Branches, or by not less than three members of any of the Branches. Nomination forms may be obtained on application to the Medical Secretary, and must be returned so as to reach him not later than first post on Monday, November 16th.

If more than one candidate is nominated, voting papers will be issued from the Head Office to every member in the Branches on Saturday, November 21st, and must be returned so as to reach the Medical Secretary not later than the first post on Saturday, November 28th.

A PRACTITIONERS OF PHYSICAL MEDICINE GROUP OF THE ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the recently formed Practitioners of Physical Medicine Group of the Association will be held at the B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, W.C., on Friday, November 20th, at 4 p.m.

The Group comprises all those members of the Association who have specially studied the values of physical methods in the prevention and cure of disease, and whose practice is predominantly devoted to the application of these methods.

The agenda of the meeting is as follows: (1) elect a chairman ; (2) elect Group committee of six ; (3) any other relevant business.

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD

ABERDEEN BRANCH: ABERDEEN AND KINCARDINE COUNTIES DIVISION.—A meeting of the Aberdeen and Kincardine Counties Division will be held in the Library, 29, King Street, Aberdeen, on Thursday, November 19th, when Dr. A. Greig Anderson will give a lecture on the anaemias.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH.—A meeting of the Bath and Bristol Branch will be held at Bath on Wednesday, November 25th.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: DUDLEY DIVISION.—A meeting of the Dudley Division will be held at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, on Tuesday, November 17th. Business: 8.30 p.m., supper (3s. 6d.); discussion on medical arrangements, new maternity home, Stourbridge; film demonstration, which includes treatment of Coles's fracture, hydrocele, and various G.P. emergencies.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: BOURNEMOUTH DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Bournemouth Division will be held at the Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, on Thursday, November 19th, at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m., followed by dancing in the King's Hall until midnight. Tickets 8s. 6d. each (exclusive of wines). Members may take guests, including ladies, with them. Application for tickets, together with remittance, must reach the honorary secretary, Dr. O. C. Carter (Hursley, Poole Road, Bournemouth), by Tuesday, November 17th.

DORSET AND WEST HANTS BRANCH: WEST DORSET DIVISION.—A meeting of the West Dorset Division will be held at the Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne, on Thursday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. The honorary staff of the hospital will show patients. Dr. G. C. Cathcart, consulting surgeon to the Throat Hospital, Golden Square, will give an address entitled "Modern treatment of deafness." The Division will consider the adoption of two resolutions under the Ethical Rules concerning (*a*) the salaries of whole-time public health medical officers, and (*b*) domiciliary attendance by whole-time medical officers.

EDINBURGH BRANCH: SOUTH-EASTERN COUNTIES DIVISION.—A meeting of the South-Eastern Counties Division will be held at the Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells, on Wednesday, November 18th, at 3 p.m. Mr. A. E. Maylard will give an address on cottage hospitals in Scotland and their increase in value to the public and the profession. It is hoped that members connected with cottage hospitals will endeavour to be present.

KENT BRANCH: ISLE OF THANET DIVISION.—A meeting of the Isle of Thanet Division will be held at the Kent and Canterbury General Hospital on Thursday, November 26th, at 3.30 p.m., when Dr. H. Wacher will take the chair.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CITY DIVISION.—The annual dinner-dance of the City Division will be held at the Park Lane Hotel, Piccadilly, W., on Thursday, December 3rd; dinner 8.15 p.m., dancing till 2 a.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: HENDON DIVISION.—A clinical evening will be held by the Hendon Division at the Hendon Cottage Hospital on Friday, November 20th, at 8.30 p.m. Mr. L. G. Phillips will give some impressions of a tour of Russia, illustrated by cinematograph and lantern.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Kensington Division will be held at the Hammersmith Town Hall, Broadway, Hammersmith, W.6, on Tuesday, November 24th, at 8.45 p.m. Resolutions regarding the salaries of whole-time public health medical officers will be considered. The report of the Executive Committee of the Division on Memorandum 329/I.C. of the Ministry of Health on Certification of Incapacity for Work will be presented, and the report of the Annual Conference of Local Medical and Panel Committees will be considered. Dr. G. C. Anderson, Deputy Medical Secretary, has promised to attend the meeting.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Lewisham Division, arranged by Dr. H. Nockolds, will be held at the Lewisham Hospital on Tuesday, November 17th, at 3.30 p.m..

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—A meeting of the South Middlesex Division will be held at St. John's Hospital, Twickenham, on Thursday, November 26th, at 8.30 p.m., for general business. At 8.45 p.m. Mr. Grant Massie, surgeon to Guy's Hospital, will read a paper on minor injuries of the hands, including the modern treatment of burns and whitlows.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH-WEST ESSEX DIVISION.—A reception and dance in aid of the B.M.A. Charities Fund will be held at the Leyton Town Hall on Thursday, November 26th, from 8.30 p.m. to 1 a.m.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WILLESDEN DIVISION.—A meeting of the Willesden Division will be held at the Willesden General Hospital on Wednesday, November 18th, at 9 p.m. Dr. F. J. Browne, professor of obstetric medicine, University of London, will speak on toxaemias of pregnancy.

MIDLAND BRANCH: LEICESTER AND RUTLAND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Leicester and Rutland Division will be held at the Medical Club, East Bond Street, Leicester, on Friday, December 4th, at 8.45 p.m. Dr. Thomas F. Cotton will read a paper on the clinical aspects of coronary disease.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH.—The second scientific meeting of the session will be held at the Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, on Thursday, November 19th. Programme: 2.30 p.m., Dr. Donald Ramage, *X*-ray therapy; 3 p.m., Mr. H. Harvey Evers, Injuries to birth canal in labour; 3.30 p.m., Dr. W. E. Hume, The stomach in relation to anaemia; 4 p.m., tea; 4.15 p.m., Mr. R. J. Willan, Recent advances in diagnosis of renal diseases; 4.45 p.m., Mr. T. A. Hindmarsh, Surgery of the endocrine glands.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BISHOP AUCKLAND DIVISION. A meeting of the Bishop Auckland Division will be held at the Cottage Hospital on Friday, November 27th, at 8 p.m. Mr. Robert Whillis will lecture on some common symptoms of disorders of the nose, throat, and ear, and their significance.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NEWCASTLE-UPON-TYNE DIVISION.—The reception and dance of the Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division, arranged to be held at the College of Medicine on November 12th, has been postponed till Thursday, November 26th, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. (tickets 5s. each, including light refreshments). The guests will be received by Dr. George Hall (chairman of the Division) and Mrs. Hall. Arrangements will be made for those desiring to play cards, and there will be facilities for parking cars.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: SUNDERLAND DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Sunderland Division to be held at the Sunderland Royal Infirmary on Thursday, November 19th, at 5 p.m., Mr. Kenneth Walker will give a British Medical Association Lecture on some troubles of the menopause. The lecture will be followed by the annual dinner of the Division at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. Kenneth Walker will be the guest.

SOUTHERN BRANCH: PORTSMOUTH DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Portsmouth Division will be held at the out-patient department, Royal Portsmouth Hospital, on Thursday, November 26th, at 3 p.m. Members proposing to show cases or specimens should notify the clinical secretary (Mr. C. A. Scott Ridout, St. Elmo, Clarendon Road, Southsea), by Monday, November 16th. 3 p.m., Clinical cases and specimens; 3.45 p.m., tea (by invitation of the honorary staff of the Royal Portsmouth Hospital); 4 p.m., discussion in the Board Room.

SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE BRANCH: SWANSEA DIVISION.—At the meeting of the Swansea Division, to be held on Thursday, November 19th, Dr. Urban Marks will give an exhibition of cinematograph films.

SOUTH-WESTERN BRANCH: PLYMOUTH DIVISION.—The post-graduate lecture arranged for Friday, November 20th, at the South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, will be given by Dr. Shore, on the tongue in medical diagnosis, at 8.30 p.m.

SUFFOLK BRANCH: WEST SUFFOLK DIVISION.—In connexion with the post-graduate course at the West Suffolk Hospital, arranged by the West Suffolk Division, Sir Thomas Horder will hold a clinic of medical cases on Sunday, November 15th, at 11.30 a.m. Mr. A. W. Bourne will lecture on the chronic pelvic woman on Saturday, November 21st, at 8.45 p.m.

SURREY BRANCH: CROYDON DIVISION.—A meeting of the Croydon Division will be held at the Croydon General Hospital on Tuesday, November 17th, at 8.30 p.m. Dr. H. L. Tidy will discuss acute haemorrhagic nephritis.

SURREY BRANCH: KINGSTON-ON-THAMES DIVISION.—The annual dinner of the Kingston-on-Thames Division (10s. 6d., exclusive of wines) will take place at Nuthall's Restaurant, Kingston-on-Thames, on Wednesday, November 25th, at 8 p.m., to be followed by an entertainment. Ladies and gentlemen will be welcomed as guests of members.

SURREY BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—A meeting of the Richmond Division will be held at the Royal Hospital, Richmond, to-day (Friday, November 13th), at 9 p.m. The subject for discussion will be diseases of the ear, nose, and throat.

SUSSEX BRANCH: BRIGHTON DIVISION.—A clinical meeting of the Brighton Division will be held at the Infirmary, Elm Grove, Brighton, on Thursday, November 19th, at 3.45 p.m.

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: SOUTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION

ADDRESS ON CONVULSIONS IN CHILDREN

A meeting of the South Middlesex Division was held on October 21st at the Teddington and District Memorial Hospital, when Dr. H. C. CAMERON delivered an instructive address on the causes, significance, and treatment of convulsions in children.

Dr. Cameron divided such convulsions into two main groups, according to their etiology—namely, the organic and the metabolic. He distinguished three classes of organic convulsions: (1) cases of primary amentia, in which the fits were symptomatic, and in which there were nearly always other stigmata, such as skeletal deformity, visual defect, lack of taste perception, and irregularity in formation of the ventricles of the brain, as shown by skiagraphy after the injection of air; (2) traumatic cases, due to tentorial tearing at birth. These diplegic cases, through injury to the motor and sensory cortex, lagged behind in development, but the children were not mentally deficient; they had unusually retentive memories, and were very persevering, but tended to be recluse in habit. The convulsions were difficult to control, but it was important that they should be stopped, since they led to mental deterioration. Dr. Cameron emphasized the point that these children were intelligent, and could learn to do almost anything; they often had great aptitude for mathematics. (3) Post-encephalitic cases.

Two classes of metabolic convulsions were distinguished—the spasmophilic and the epileptiform. Spasmophilia was generally accompanied by rickets, both conditions being due to calcium deficiency. The incidence of this group was familial, and the disease was generally confined to infants. The three classical signs of spasmophilia were: (1) irritability of the facial nerve—tapping in front of the ear would cause flickering of the eyelids; (2) Trousseau's test—pressure on the brachial artery and accompanying nerves in the arm—would cause clenching of the hand; (3) Erb's sign—twitching of the muscles, for example, of the thenar eminence—would be produced by one-tenth of the normal current. In these cases any stimulus might give rise to a convulsion, which was quite commonly evoked in the course of examining a child. In true epilepsy, however, the fit was rarely seen by the doctor. The prognosis was absolutely good. Treatment consisted of cod-liver oil, or radiostoleum, ultra-violet light, and calcium therapy, usually in the form of the bromide salt. Passing to epileptiform convulsions, Dr. Cameron emphasized the importance of differentiating the two groups concerned. In the first came the nervous, excitable child who suffered from acidosis, and in whom convulsions were brought on by excitement, nervous strain, or an attack of acidosis. They could sometimes be initiated if the child could be induced to hold its breath. They tended to occur in the early morning as a result of the ketosis produced by the night's starvation. The prognosis was good, since there was no tendency to mental deterioration. The treatment was a high carbohydrate diet, with limitation of fats. In the case of the true epileptic the fit might occur at any time, possibly during attacks of alkalosis; they could sometimes be initiated by forced breathing. The prognosis was not so good, owing to the resulting mental and neurological deterioration. Treatment in severe cases consisted of starvation leading to ketosis; in other cases a ketogenic diet, with luminal or bromide therapy, was employed.

The address was enthusiastically received. After some discussion and questions, to which Dr. Cameron replied, a hearty vote of thanks was carried, on the proposal of Drs. NASH and CAMPS, seconded by Dr. WOODROFFE.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: DUDLEY DIVISION

A meeting of the Dudley Division was held at the Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, on October 30th, when Mr. ECCLES-SMITH was in the chair, and twenty-seven members were present.

Some discussion took place on the question of the reduction of the panel capitation fees.

The secretary was requested to get into touch with Dr. Wyndham Parker, M.O.H. for the county of Worcester, with a view to ascertaining the existing arrangement with regard to the proposed personnel of the new Stourbridge Maternity Home.

The meeting was then entertained to a very interesting film, shown by the courtesy of Bayer Products, Ltd., on the technique of spinal anaesthesia; this was followed by a film on the use of avertin. The films were explained by Dr. KOTTHOFF, who afterwards replied to the numerous questions put by members. A vote of thanks to the lecturer, proposed by the CHAIRMAN and seconded by Mr. STRETTON, was accorded with enthusiasm.

ESSEX BRANCH: MID-ESSEX DIVISION

A general meeting of the Mid-Essex Division was held on October 22nd at the Bell Hotel, Chelmsford. The following resolution was adopted, and forwarded to the Essex Branch:

> That this Division requests the Branch to approach the county authorities for a reconsideration of the amount paid on a report supplied to a coroner at his request by a practitioner not called to give evidence at an inquest.

The draft rules of the Division were considered and prepared for acceptance at the next general meeting. Tea was taken at the close of business.

GIBRALTAR BRANCH

The annual general meeting of the Gibraltar Branch was held on October 23rd. The following officers were elected for 1931–32:

President, Dr. L. H. Gill. *Vice-President and President-Elect*, Major C. Crawford Jones, R.A.M.C. *Honorary Secretary and Treasurer*, Dr. J. A. Durante (re-elected).

The annual report of the council recorded an increase of membership from 21 to 25, in spite of the loss of two members occasioned by departure from the station. Four meetings had been held during the year, with an average attendance of 11.7. At three of these, clinical papers were read and cases and specimens demonstrated, while on one occasion the Branch entertained the medical officers of the Atlantic and Mediterranean Fleets. A start has been made with the acquisition of books for the Branch library, £10 having been voted for this purpose. Some volumes have already been purchased, and others will be added as new editions are published. The financial position of the Branch is sound.

Major CRAWFORD JONES gave an account of the Annual Meeting of the Association at Eastbourne in July last, and spoke in high praise of the hospitalities and facilities afforded him as delegate of the Branch.

KENT BRANCH: BROMLEY DIVISION

The Bromley Division held its first meeting on Thursday, October 22nd, at the Wellcome Physiological Research Laboratories, at the invitation of the director. All non-members in the district had been invited. A very interesting afternoon was spent inspecting the latest results of medical and veterinary research.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: WARRINGTON DIVISION

At a well-attended meeting of the Warrington Division, held in the Warrington Infirmary on October 23rd, an address on the aims and objects of the regional medical staff in regard to prescribing and medical certification under the National Health Insurance Act was given by Dr. J. DILL RUSSELL, divisional medical officer, north-western division, supported by two colleagues, Dr. Whitting and Dr. Adeny. Dr. C. J. G. BOURHILL, the chairman, introduced the speaker, who dealt fully with the most important matters. In the subsequent discussion many points were raised, and most of them cleared up. In connexion with the question of pregnant married women, the feeling of the members was that special certificates should be issued. Although the meeting was late in finishing, the members present were of opinion that it was an evening well spent.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: CAMBERWELL DIVISION

A meeting of the Camberwell Division was held at St. Giles's Hospital, Camberwell, on October 20th, when Dr. PORTER-SMITH was in the chair.

Mr. PHILIP MITCHINER gave a most interesting address on the surgical treatment of burns. He described the methods in popular favour, but advocated the use of tannic acid. In his opinion the results obtained were better than those following other forms of treatment. He stressed the importance of thorough preparation of the area involved, such as the removal of dead tissue and the final application of spirit and ether. Mr. Mitchiner recommended the use of morphine in full doses in place of a general anaesthetic. The drug in smaller doses could safely be given to children. The address was followed by a discussion.

On the motion of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Dr. TILBURY, a vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: KENSINGTON DIVISION

A meeting of the Kensington Division was held at the Great Western Royal Hotel, Paddington, on November 4th. An address entitled "The treatment of chronic leg ulcers," illustrated by a cinematograph film, was delivered by Mr. A. DICKSON WRIGHT. The meeting was largely attended, and many members took part in the subsequent discussion. A vote of thanks to Mr. Dickson Wright, proposed by Mr. MCADAM ECCLES and seconded by Dr. MARTLEY, was carried unanimously.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: LEWISHAM DIVISION

A meeting of the Lewisham Division was held at the Town Hall, Catford, on October 20th, with Dr. WILLIAM O'BRIEN in the chair. An address entitled "The treatment of malignant disease from the standpoint of radiation" was given by Dr. C. E. IREDELL. He said that in the early use of x rays the skin was injured, but x rays and radium did not burn inanimate objects. Embryonic cells were more easily destroyed than normal cells. Radium was early applied to rodent ulcers. Radium was an x-ray plant in miniature, with rays of greater penetration. A second application of radium was less effective than the first, and the third still less effective. Radium was uncertain in action. It was most suitable for small growths, though it reduced the size of large growths. Surgery was still essential, for mortality had not been reduced. Mr. RICHARDSON described his operative results in nineteen cases of carcinoma of the breast. Drs. DONELLAN, BRACKEN, O'BRIEN, MEYRICK, and CHARSLEY joined in the discussion. A vote of thanks to the lecturer was carried, on the proposal of Dr. BUCHAN.

Dr. CHARSLEY then made an appeal for medical charities, and it was agreed to ask six members to make personal appeals in their postal districts.

MIDLAND BRANCH: CHESTERFIELD DIVISION

Inaugurating the winter session of the Chesterfield Division on October 16th, Dr. W. T. WOOD chose as his subject "The general practitioner of forty years ago." He gave many glimpses of the terms of service and conditions governing assistantships. First, comparing the salary of £70 indoor with the present one of £300 or so, he mentioned that the assistant was often expected to live in the kitchen, being at the same time wholly responsible for the night work, of which there was a great deal more than there is now, and could expect no weekly or annual holiday. The dress of the day was contrasted with that of to-day. At that time there were no such aids to practice as x rays or biochemistry, no easy access to hospitals, no telephones, no motor cars, no ambulances, and no electric light. Consultations could only be obtained with much delay and difficulty. Locomotion was by means of horse and trap for the affluent, push-bicycle or Shanks's mare for the others.

The coming of the Insurance Act changed the life of the general practitioner considerably, one of the changes for the worse being the loss of the old idea of the "family doctor" and "confidant." There were then no records to keep, or divisional and regional medical officers to inspect them. Club practice was severe, competition was strong, the fees were microscopic, and the sword of dismissal hung annually over one's head. The treatment of all infectious diseases was carried out in the patients' homes, there being no isolation hospitals as now. In conclusion, Dr. Wood ventured the opinion that everyone was more easily satisfied forty years ago than now.

After the lecture many of the members indulged in reminiscences.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: BLYTH DIVISION

A successful meeting of the Blyth Division was held at the Thomas Knight Memorial Hospital, Blyth, on November 4th. Refreshments were provided by Cow and Gate, Ltd., who also exhibited films showing the treatment of acute appendicitis and fracture of the forearm, and the process of preparing dried milk.

Members of the Morpeth Division were also present, as well as nurses from the child welfare and school clinics and maternity nurses of the district.

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND DIVISION

A meeting of the North Northumberland Division was held in the Infirmary, Alnwick, on October 21st. Mr. T. A. HINDMARSH gave an address on phrenic evulsion and thoracoplasty, illustrated by a Kodak film showing the operations performed by Mr. H. Morriston Davies. The lecture and film were much appreciated, and Mr. Hindmarsh was heartily thanked for his painstaking enterprise. After tea, which was provided by the matron, films of a lighter nature were shown.

For the second year in succession a member of the Division is to hold office as Sheriff of Berwick-on-Tweed, Dr. J. C. Mackay, *M.C.*, being appointed to succeed Dr. P. W. Maclagan, *M.C.*

NORTH OF ENGLAND BRANCH: TYNESIDE DIVISION

A clinical meeting of the Tyneside Division was held in the Tynemouth Victoria Jubilee Infirmary on October 29th. An interesting address on the practical aspects of ante-natal provision was given by Dr. FARQUHAR MURRAY. The meeting was very well attended, and there was a unanimous opinion that the lecture was very illuminating and practical. A very cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the lecturer.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH

A meeting of the Northern Counties of Scotland Branch was held at the Palace Hotel, Inverness, on October 23rd, when the president, Dr. T. W. H. ALEXANDER, was in the chair, and forty-three members were present. Mr. NORMAN M. DOTT delivered a British Medical Association Lecture entitled "Some observations on modern neurological surgery." It was illustrated by lantern slides, and proved to be exceptionally interesting.

Mr. Dott opened with a description of the mechanical considerations involved in cerebral pathology, indicating the causes of secondary hydrocephalus. He described in detail the characteristic symptoms and signs, and then enumerated the false localizing signs of causes of intracranial pressure. He explained the part played by ventriculography and other mechanical aids in obtaining the accuracy of diagnosis which was of the highest clinical importance. He remarked that in investigating cases he proceeded as though he was a detective, the patient the victim, and the lesion the criminal concerned. He then set out his methods of procedure, importance being attached to the great value of team work in rendering brain surgery as successful as it might be. Mr. Dott concluded by mentioning the various tumours found, and by recording in detail illustrative cases where remarkable results had been obtained as the result of following his programme. In 450 cases the mortality had been 8 per cent.; relief for two years had ensued in 20 per cent.; an estimated period of relief from two to fifteen years in 22 per cent.; and a permanent cure in 50 per cent.

The members present were unanimously of opinion that the lecture was the most interesting they had heard for a long time; the manner in which it was delivered was exceptionally good, and the results reflected great credit on Mr. Dott's painstaking and thorough methods, and on his high degree of skill. Questions were asked by Dr. ALEXANDER, Dr. MACKENZIE, Mr. HAMILTON, and Mr. MILLER, and at the close a warm vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. B. S. SIMPSON, was accorded to the lecturer. Mr. Dott was afterwards the guest at the annual dinner of the Branch, when forty-one members were present; his health was proposed by Mr. HAMILTON. Members later adjourned to the hotel lounge to conclude a very enjoyable evening.

NORTHERN IRELAND BRANCH: PORTADOWN AND WEST DOWN DIVISION

A meeting of the Portadown and West Down Division was held at Armagh on October 28th. Dr. T. B. PEDLOW [illegible] notes on a case of undulant fever. Professor W. JAMES WILSON of the Public Health Laboratories, Queen's University

sity, gave an address on the place of the laboratory in diagnosis and treatment. He dealt with the sending of specimens to the laboratory for report, and described how to prepare tissues, swabs from throat and vagina, blood slides and blood for Wassermann, blood sugar, and urea tests. He also indicated how to collect and send up specimens of urine, faeces, sputum, water, and milk for examination. The paper was much appreciated by the members present.

Sierra Leone Branch

A scientific meeting of the Sierra Leone Branch was held on September 17th, with the president, Professor R. M. Gordon, in the chair. Dr. E. J. Wright showed a case of ectrodactylism in an African child 2 years old. The fourth and fifth fingers, with corresponding metacarpal bones, were missing. An *x*-ray photograph of the case was also shown.

Dr. Easmon exhibited three cases. The first patient had had a blow on the right eye, and showed a condition of traumatic mydriasis, blood in the anterior chamber, no fundal reflex, and a large haemorrhage into the vitreous. The second case showed the remote effects of inadequately treated chronic irido-cyclitis. Pupil occluded by a dense white membrane, apparently attached to the outer surface of the lens. The third was a young girl with well-marked lupus erythematosus ; in addition to the typical bats-wing eruption there were small additional and newer patches on the cheeks and on the front of the chest.

Mr. Stewart showed a boy of 6 years of age with a condition resembling Dupuytren's contracture in the hand ; a radiograph, however, demonstrated marked osteo-porotic changes in the bones of the ring and little fingers, and the diagnosis was doubtful. He suggested yaws as an etiological factor, and was treating the patient with arsenicals. He also showed a patient with a lesion of the central nervous system, with a possible diagnosis of brain tumour, but without definite localizing signs.

Dr. E. P. Hicks showed a specimen of *A. gambiae* experimentally infected with *M. bancrofti* ; the filaria could be seen emerging from the proboscis.

Professor Gordon and Dr. Davey presented maps and figures demonstrating the recent marked increase of quartan malaria, which had occurred in Freetown.

Staffordshire Branch

The annual meeting of the Staffordshire Branch was held at the General Hospital, Wallsall, on October 29th. Dr. Alan M. Stuart, the president, read a most interesting paper on common errors in the diagnosis and treatment of venereal disease.

West Somerset Branch

The autumn meeting of the West Somerset Branch was held at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, Taunton, on November 6th, when Dr. W. R. Ackland, the president, was in the chair, and twenty-two other members were present. Sir Holburt J. Waring gave a British Medical Association Lecture entitled "Cults and their relation to medical practice," a departure from the usual clinical lecture, which proved to be most interesting, and was much appreciated by all present. After a short historical survey of the earlier cults, Sir Holburt described more in detail the claims, methods, and practice of the present-day osteopaths and chiropaths. He also touched on the medico-legal aspect of the question, and drew attention to the extent to which medical practice was affected by the practice of these cults.

In the evening the annual dinner for medical men in West Somerset took place at the Castle Hotel, Taunton. Twenty-seven sat down to dinner, under the chairmanship of Dr. Ackland.

DANGEROUS DRUGS ACTS: WITHDRAWAL OF AUTHORIZATION

The Home Secretary gives notice that he has withdrawn from David French Ritchie, pharmaceutical chemist, of Wilton Avenue, Southampton, the authority granted by the Regulations made under the Dangerous Drugs Act, 1920, to persons who lawfully keep open shop for the retailing of poisons to be in possession of and supply raw opium, coca leaves, and Indian hemp, or to manufacture any extract or tincture of Indian hemp, or any preparation, or to carry on the business of retailing, dispensing, or compounding the drugs or preparations to which Part III of the Act applies. Any person supplying Mr. Ritchie with raw opium, coca leaves, or Indian hemp, or any of the drugs or preparations to which Part III of the Act applies will be committing an offence against the Acts.

Correspondence

ALLEGED LAX CERTIFICATION

Sir,—If medical men have ever been guilty of widespread lax certification certainly this cannot be the case at present. Indeed, the increased certification lags behind the increased sickness.

Many an insured patient persists in continuing work when, in truth, medically unfit (although not physically incapable), fearing dismissal if he should stay off for a week or so until fully recovered. A quite different factor influences the unemployed person. He may find that the unemployed benefit exceeds the amount of sickness pay, and, consequently, he may struggle to the exchange on the appointed day to draw his "dole"—a man incapable of work, but not incapable of signing the unemployment register in the next street.

It would thus appear that when trade has generally improved the societies will have a still greater aggregate of sickness claims to face.—I am, etc.,

T. McCowatt Montford.

Castle Donington, Derby, Nov. 7th.

REMUNERATION OF INSURANCE PRACTITIONERS

Sir,—I have read the article on the remuneration of national health insurance practitioners, by Dr. R. M. Pearce, in the *Supplement* of November 7th, with the greatest care and growing interest. I must say that the suggestions put forward by the writer are excellent and the examples most enlightening.

While I agree in the main with Dr. Pearce's scheme, may I make a suggestion which I think would be helpful? Instead of giving the insured person relief by reducing his weekly contribution by a halfpenny, I would suggest that, providing the insured person did not require medical treatment or sickness benefit during the financial year, he should be refunded a sum equivalent to one-halfpenny per week's contribution.

This would be an incentive to the insured not to be "sick" if he could possibly help it, and it would certainly lead to less treatment of unnecessary ailments, seeing that he would save the 3d. fee suggested by Dr. Pearce and also receive a bonus from the insurance funds. To my mind it would solve the question of: (1) Excessive prescribing. (2) Certification. It would save the medical man's time, which could be devoted to attention to sick people. The saving of Nos. 1 and 2 would help considerably to pay for the cost of drugs, etc., in the treatment of the genuinely ill.—I am, etc.,

Portsmouth, Nov. 7th. Percy Hayes, L.R.C.S.Ed.

Sir,—Dr. R. M. Pearce's article advocating *inter alia* a capitation fee graduated according to the size of panel list raises many interesting points ; but there are variable factors additional to those he mentions, which probably make a flat rate the fairest of all. The amenities of life of the practitioner with a small list in a residential suburb are far superior to those "enjoyed" by the practitioner who lives, *and works*, in a densely populated industrial area. I have been an assistant in both classes of practice, and there is no doubt which life is the pleasanter. Again, the man with a large industrial list will often have negligible opportunities for any remunerative private practice. The small panel in the suburbs may be an adjunct to a large private practice, and is not necessarily any more indication of the age of the practice than it is of the age of the practitioner!

I know of one practitioner who within eight years of starting to practise has reached the maximum number permitted, and this in an area which has not increased in population. The suggestion that the successful man who has worked hard should now receive remuneration on a lower scale as a penalty for success when he has already to contend with a higher rate of income tax illustrates, perhaps, a tendency of an age which seeks to reduce all to a level of mediocrity, suppress competition, and restrain initiative.—I am, etc.,

November 8th. Panel Practitioner, 1931.

National Insurance

INSURANCE ACTS COMMITTEE

ELECTION OF DIRECT REPRESENTATIVES FOR 1931–32

The following direct representatives upon the Insurance Acts Committee have been *elected unopposed* for the Groups mentioned:

Group D.
Dr. R. G. McGowan (Manchester).
Dr. Frank Radcliffe (Oldham).
Dr. S. A. Winstanley (Urmston, Lancs).

Group E.
Dr. J. C. Davies (Wrexham).
Dr. W. E. Thomas (Ystrad-Rhondda, Glam.).

Group F.
Dr. H. W. Pooler (Alfreton, Derbyshire).

Group G.
Dr. G. L. Lefevre (Longton, Staffs).

Group H.
Mr. E. Lewis Lilley (Leicester).

Group J.
Dr. H. Rose (Wendover, Bucks).

Group K.
Dr. D. G. Greenfield (Rushden, Northants).

Group L.
*Dr. D. O. Twining (Salcombe, S. Devon).

Group M.
Dr. T. MacCarthy (Sherborne, Dorset).

Group N.
Dr. J. J. Day (Canterbury).
Dr. E. Rowland Fothergill (Hove).

Group O.
Dr. C. H. Panting (Leytonstone).
Dr. C. F. T. Scott (Willesden).

Group P.
Dr. H. J. Cardale (London).
Dr. E. A. Gregg (London).

Group Q.
Dr. David Gray (Belfast).

In the *contested Groups*—namely, A, B, C, and I—the results were as follows:

Group A.
Mr. D. E. Dickson (Lochgelly, Fife). *Elected.*
Dr. J. G. McCutcheon (Glasgow). *Elected.*
Dr. D. Lyon Stevenson (Larkhall, Lanarks). *Elected.*
Dr. Thomas Fraser (Aberdeen).
Dr. Francis K. Kerr (Leith, Edinburgh).
Dr. W. R. Martine (Haddington).

Group B.
Dr. P. V. Anderson (Shildon, co. Durham). *Elected.*
Dr. R. E. Moyes (Broomhill, Northumberland).

Group C.
Dr. W. H. Smailes (Huddersfield). *Elected.*
Dr. E. Welch (Leeds). *Elected.*
Dr. G. H. Lowe (Middlesbrough).

Group I.
Dr. John Steed (Staunton-on-Wye, Herefordshire). *Elected.*
Dr. Cyril R. Lunn (Olton, Warwickshire).

* Dr. H. C. Jonas of Barnstaple was originally elected unopposed for Group L, but, on being elected Chairman of Conferences of Local Medical and Panel Committees, became an *ex officio* member of the committee. Dr. Twining was nominated by the Local Medical and Panel Committees in Group L to fill the vacancy.

SCOTTISH SUBCOMMITTEE

The following direct representatives upon the Insurance Acts Scottish Subcommittee have been *elected unopposed* for the Groups mentioned:

Group A.
Dr. J. B. Simpson (Golspie).

Group B.
Dr. Robert Bruce, D.S.O. (Dundee).

Group C.
Dr. G. W. Miller, D.S.O. (Dundee).

Group D.
Dr. John Hume (Perth).

Group E.
Dr. W. B. Mactier (St. Andrews).

Group F.
Dr. F. K. Kerr (Leith).

Group H.
Dr. S. Davidson (Kelso).

Group J.
Dr. J. W. Little (Newmains).

Group K.
Dr. E. H. Cramb (Clydebank).

Group L.
Dr. James Wilson (Irvine, Ayrshire).

Group M.
Dr. David Huskie (Moffat).

Group N.
Dr. W. J. Logie (Falkirk).

In the *contested Groups*—namely G and I—the results were as follows:

Group G.
Dr. W. R. Martine (Haddington). *Elected.*
Dr. William Hamilton (Loanhead).

Group I.
Dr. David Glen (Glasgow). *Elected.*
Dr. J. F. Lambie (Glasgow). *Elected.*
Dr. James Todd (Glasgow).

ALFRED COX,
Medical Secretary.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVAL MEDICAL SERVICE

Surgeon Commanders A. W. Cocking to the *Vivid*; E. MacEwan to the *Excellent*.

Surgeon Lieutenant Commander E. C. Davis to the *Furious*.

Surgeon Lieutenant L. P. Spero to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commander.

Surgeon Lieutenants R. A. Graff to the *Pembroke*; E. R. P. Williams to the *Harebell*; T. L. Cleave to the *Vivid*, for Devonport Dockyard; G. Phillips to the *Nelson*; T. B. Lynagh to the *Bideford*.

The seniority of Surgeon Lieutenant F. Dolan is antedated to July 19th, 1927.

ROYAL NAVAL VOLUNTEER RESERVE

Surgeon Lieutenants R. Wear and R. B. H. Wyatt to be Surgeon Lieutenant Commanders.

ARMY MEDICAL SERVICES

The following Colonels, late R.A.M.C., to be Major-Generals: P. H. Henderson, D.S.O., and to be supernumerary; J. F. Martin, C.M.G., C.B.E., vice Major-General L. Humphry, C.B., C.M.G., deceased.

Lieut.-Col. T. S. Dudding, O.B.E., from R.A.M.C., to be Colonel.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Col. H. C. Hildreth, D.S.O., O.B.E., having attained the age limit for compulsory retirement, is placed on retired pay.

Major R. F. O'T. Dickinson, O.B.E., to be temporary Lieutenant-Colonel.

To be Lieutenant-Colonels: Majors (temporary Lieutenant-Colonels) J. A. Renshaw, W. A. Spong, and H. P. Hart, M.C.

Captains to be Majors: T. Parr, January 2nd, 1929, and D. W. M. Mackenzie, June 13th, 1930 (substituted for notification in the *London Gazette* of January 15th, 1929, and June 20th, 1930, respectively).

ROYAL AIR FORCE MEDICAL SERVICE

Squadron Leaders T. Montgomery to Headquarters, Air Defence of Great Britain, Uxbridge; T. R. S. Thompson to No. 3 Flying Training School, Grantham; A. E. Barr-Simm to Base, Singapore; H. B. Troup to No. 4 Flying Training School, Abu Sueir, Egypt.

Flight Lieutenants G. J. Hanly to Princess Mary's Hospital, Halton; H. W. Corner to Depot, Uxbridge.

F. I. G. Tweedie and C. H. Smith are granted short service commissions as Flying Officers for three years on the active list.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieut.-Cols. D. G. Carmichael and W. G. Winder, D.S.O., and Majors R. B. Black, D.S.O., and J. I. W. Morris, having attained the age limit of liability to recall, cease to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

To be Captains: Lieutenants S. J. Hartfall and H. B. Trumper.

Second Lieutenant W. M. Arnott, from 57th (Lowland) Mounted Brigade, R.A., to be Lieutenant.

VACANCIES

ABERDEEN ROYAL MENTAL HOSPITAL.—J.A.P. (male).

ALTRINCHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—J.H.S.

BEDFORD COUNTY HOSPITAL.—First H.S. (male).

BELFAST: JOINT NURSING AND MIDWIVES COUNCIL.—(1) Medical Examiners for the Preliminary and Final State Examinations for the General Register. (2) Examiners for Midwives.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL ALEXANDRA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN.—(1) H.S. (2) H.P. Males.

BRIGHTON: ROYAL SUSSEX COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior Assistant Pathologist.

BRISTOL EYE DISPENSARY.—Assistant Ophthalmic S.

BURSLEM, HAYWOOD, AND TUNSTALL WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—Second R.M.O. (male).

CARDIFF ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. to Ophthalmic Department.

CARDIFF: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF SOUTH WALES AND MONMOUTHSHIRE.—Full-time Lecturer and Demonstrator in Anatomy.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, S.W.3.—J.H.S. (male).

CHESHIRE JOINT SANATORIUM, Market Drayton.—H.P. (male).

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART AND LUNGS, Victoria Park, E.2.—(1) R.M.O. (2) H.P. Males.

CORNWALL MENTAL HOSPITAL, Bodmin.—Second A.M.O.

DARLINGTON GENERAL HOSPITAL.—Senior H.S. (male).

DEWSBURY COUNTY BOROUGH.—M.O.H. and S.M.O. (male).

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell, E.1.—R.M.O. (male).

EAST SUSSEX COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL, Hellingly.—J.A.R.M.O. (male, unmarried).

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark, S.E.1.—H.S. (male).

HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Great Ormond Street, W.C.1.—(1) Clinical Assistant in Out-patient Department. (2) H.P. (male, unmarried). (3) H.S. (male, unmarried).

HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Soho Square, W.1.—Pathologist and Registrar.

INVERNESS-SHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Local M.O. for the Parishes of Kilmuir and Snizort, Skye.

JERSEY GENERAL HOSPITAL AND POOR INFIRMARY.—R.M.O. (male).

LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—S.H.S. and J.H.S. at Biddulph Grange Orthopaedic Hospital.

LANCASTER: COUNTY MENTAL HOSPITAL.—A.M.O. (unmarried).

LEICESTERSHIRE AND RUTLAND MENTAL HOSPITAL, Narborough.—A.M.O.

LISTER INSTITUTE FOR PREVENTIVE MEDICINE, S.W.1.—Research Fellowship in Bacteriology.

LIVERPOOL AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE HEART.—H.P.

LONDON UNIVERSITY.—University Chair of Medicine, tenable at St. Thomas's Hospital Medical School.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (lady) at Central Branch.

MANSFIELD BOROUGH.—Temporary A.M.O.H. (female).

MANSFIELD AND DISTRICT HOSPITAL.—H.S. (male).

MARGATE AND DISTRICT GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (male).

MERTHYR GENERAL HOSPITAL.—R.M.O.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL, Northwood.—R.M.O.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Hon. Assistant Radiologist.

OTAGO HOSPITAL BOARD.—(1) R.S.O. (2) R.M.O. Seniors.

OXFORD: RADCLIFFE INFIRMARY AND COUNTY HOSPITAL.—(1) Hon. P. (2) Hon. A.P. (3) Hon. Assistant Radiologist.

PLYMOUTH: SOUTH DEVON AND EAST CORNWALL HOSPITAL.—(1) R.S.O. (2) H.S. (3) H.P. (4) Radium Officer.

READING: ROYAL BERKSHIRE HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (woman) for Blagrave Branch Hospital.

ROTHERHAM HOSPITAL.—S.H.S. (male).

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND.—Three Members of the Court of Examiners.

ROYAL NATIONAL ORTHOPAEDIC HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.1.—Medical Registrar.

RUGBY: HOSPITAL OF ST. CROSS.—Third R.M.O.

RYDE: ROYAL ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY HOSPITAL.—R.H.S. (unmarried).

ST. HELENS HOSPITAL.—H.S.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, W.2.—Orthopaedic Surgeon.

ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL.—Pathologist to the Medical and Surgical Units.

SALISBURY: GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Two H.S. (male, unmarried).

SHEFFIELD ROYAL HOSPITAL.—(1) Two Assistant C.O.'s (male). (2) Resident Anaesthetist.

STOCKTON AND THORNABY HOSPITAL.—Senior R.M.O. (male).

SUDAN GOVERNMENT: WELLCOME TROPICAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES, Khartum.—Bacteriologist.

SUDAN MEDICAL SERVICE.—Two M.O.'s (unmarried).

SUNDERLAND: CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL.—R.M.O. (female).

TAUNTON AND SOMERSET HOSPITAL.—Junior House M.O. (lady).

TRURO: ROYAL CORNWALL INFIRMARY.—H.S. (male).

WILLESDEN GENERAL HOSPITAL, N.W.10.—(1) C.O. (2) H.P. Unmarried.

WOLVERHAMPTON: NEW CROSS HOSPITAL.—A.R.M.O. (male, unmarried).

WREXHAM AND EAST DENBIGHSHIRE WAR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.—Two R.H.S.

YORK COUNTY HOSPITAL.—H.S. in Ear, Eye, Nose, and Throat Department.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The appointment at Walsall (Staffs) is vacant. Applications to the Chief Inspector of Factories, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1.

MEDICAL REFEREE under the Workmen's Compensation Act for the Districts of Chorley, Lancaster, and Preston County Courts (Circuit No. 4). Applications to the Private Secretary, Home Office, Whitehall, S.W.1, by December 2nd.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Tuesday morning.

DIARY OF SOCIETIES AND LECTURES

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.—Thurs., 3 p.m., Annual Meeting of Fellows and Members.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE

General Meeting of Fellows, Tues., 5.30 p.m. Ballot for Fellowship.

Section of Pathology.—Tues., 8 for 8.30 p.m.

Section of Dermatology.—Thurs., 5 p.m. Cases at 4 p.m.

Section of Neurology.—Thurs., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: The Innervation of the Bladder. Openers, Dr. J. R. Learmonth (Mayo Clinic), Dr. P. C. Cloake, Mr. F. J. F. Barrington.

Section of Physical Medicine.—Fri., 5 p.m. Cases at 5.30 p.m. Clinical Meeting at the British Red Cross Society's Clinic for Rheumatic Diseases, Peto Place, Marylebone Road, N.W. Mr. A. Woodmansey: Catalysis in Relation to Mineral Waters. Cases will be shown.

Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology.—Fri., 8.15 p.m. Dr. Louisa Martindale: Recent Advances in Deep *X*-ray Therapy in Gynaecological Conditions. Dr. Bethel Solomons: Obstetric Methods at the Rotunda Hospital in 1909 and 1929.

Section of Radiology.—Fri., 8.30 p.m. Discussion: *X*-ray Diagnosis of Diseases of the Chest. Opening Papers: Dr. Stanley Melville, Tuberculous and other Non-malignant Conditions; Dr. Peter Kerley, Malignant Conditions; followed by Dr. F. G. Chandler, Dr. Maurice Davidson, Mr. Tudor Edwards, Dr. R. E. Roberts, and Mr. J. B. Hunter.

CHADWICK PUBLIC LECTURE at Royal Sanitary Institute, 90, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W.1, Wed., 5.15 p.m., by Dr. Gerald Slot: Diet and Hygiene.

CHELSEA CLINICAL SOCIETY, Hotel Rembrandt, Thurloe Place, S.W.—Tues., 8.30 p.m., Discussion: Medicinal Uses of Wines. Openers, Mr. Charles Berry and Dr. G. Murray Levick. Preceded by Dinner at 7.30 p.m.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY.—At Apothecaries' Hall, Water Lane, E.C. Mon., 9 p.m., Discussion: The Medical Aspect of Crime in Fact and Fiction. Openers, Dr. Norwood East, Dr. Edwin Smith, and Mr. C. J. S. Thompson.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY.—Thurs., 4 p.m., William Mitchell Banks Memorial Lecture by Sir Robert Jones: The Problem of the Stiff Joint.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.—Lectures by Dr. Harley Williams: Tues., 7.30 p.m., at St. Vincent's Home, Pinner; Wed., 8 p.m., at United Services Club, High Street, Romford.

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL HYGIENE, 11, Chandos Street, W.1.—Thurs., 5.15 p.m., Dr. W. Moodie: The Mind of the Child.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF TROPICAL MEDICINE AND HYGIENE.—Clinical and Laboratory Meeting at Hospital for Tropical Diseases, Endsleigh Gardens, W.C., Thurs., 8.15 p.m. Demonstrations by Drs. C. Russell Amies, H. A. Baylis, G. R. Mather Cordiner, N. Hamilton Fairley, Col. Clayton Lane, Drs. G. Carmichael Low, P. Manson-Bahr, Sir Leonard Rogers, Col. Clayton Lane for Professor F. W. O'Connor.

SOCIETY OF MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH, 1, Upper Montague Street, W.C.1.—Thurs., 11 a.m., Conference of Central Council for Education; 7.15 p.m., Annual Dinner, Piccadilly Hotel. Fri., 5 p.m., Fever Hospital Policy and Modern Treatment; Speakers, Dr. H. Stanley Banks and Dr. Dunstan Brewer.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES

FELLOWSHIP OF MEDICINE AND POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At *Medical Society of London*, 11, Chandos Street, W.1: Wed., 4 p.m., Free Lecture by Dr. Isaac Jones (deputising for Professor H. MacLean), Glycosuria. M.R.C.P. Evening Lectures: Mon., 8.30 p.m., Dr. Roodhouse Gloyne, The Clinical Pathology of Tuberculosis; Wed., 8.30 p.m., Dr. W. J. Adie, Diseases of the Nervous System (I); fee 10s. 6d. per lecture, payable at the lecture room. *City of London Hospital for Diseases of the Heart and Lungs*, Victoria Park, E.: Special Post-Graduate Course in Diseases of the Chest, all day; fee £2 2s. *London Lock Hospital*, 91, Dean Street, W.: Post-Graduate Course in Venereal Diseases, every afternoon; fee £2 2s. *Royal Westminster Ophthalmic Hospital*, Broad Street, W.C.2: Post-Graduate Course in

Ophthalmology; Clinical instruction every afternoon, 2.30 to 4.30 p.m.; Special Demonstrations, Mon., Wed., Thurs., 5 p.m.; fee for two weeks, £2 16s. *Royal Waterloo Hospital*, Waterloo Road, S.E.1: All-day Post-Graduate Course in Medicine, Surgery, and Gynaecology; Demonstrations and Lectures; fee for one week, £1 1s. *King's College Hospital*, Denmark Hill, S.E.: Tues., 2 p.m., Free Demonstration by Dr. S. A. Kinnier Wilson in Out-patient and In-patient Departments. *Royal Eye Hospital*, St. George's Circus, S.E.1: Thurs., 4.15 p.m., Free Demonstration of Clinical Cases by Mr. A. F. MacCallan. Copies of syllabuses of all courses, lectures, and demonstrations may be obtained from the Fellowship of Medicine, 1, Wimpole Street, W.1.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT, NOSE AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.1.—Wed. and Thurs., 1.30 p.m., Course in Methods of Examination and Diagnosis. Fri., 4 p.m., Mr. Archer Ryland, Demonstration of Museum Specimens.

HAMPSTEAD GENERAL HOSPITAL, Haverstock Hill, N.W.3.—Wed., 4 p.m., Mr. P. Finnigan, Oral Infections in Relation to General Disease.

KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL SCHOOL, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.—Thurs., 9 p.m., Sir J. Thomson Walker, Stone in Kidney and Bladder.

LONDON LIGHT AND ELECTRICAL CLINIC, 42, Ranelagh Road, S.W.1.—Wed., 8.30 p.m., Sir Leonard Hill and Dr. H. J. Taylor, Light and its Biological Action.

LONDON SCHOOL OF DERMATOLOGY, St. John's Hospital, 49, Leicester Square, W.C.2.—Tues., 5 p.m., Dr. H. W. Barber, Bacteriology and Mycology. Thurs., 5 p.m., Dr. I. Muende, Pathology Demonstration.

NATIONAL HOSPITAL, Queen Square, W.C.1.—Mon. to Fri., 2 p.m. Out-patient Clinics. Mon., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Kinnier Wilson, Cerebral Tumours. Tues., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Critchley, The Parkinsonian Syndrome. Thurs., 3.30 p.m., Mr. Julian Taylor, Head Injuries. Fri., 3.30 p.m., Dr. Collier, Nervous Complications of Blood Diseases.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Mon., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Gynaecological Clinics, Operations. Tues., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Clinics, Operations. Wed., 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical, Skin, and Eye Clinics, Operations. Thurs., 11.30 a.m., Medical, Surgical, Throat, and Children's Clinics, Operations. Fri., 10.30 a.m., Throat Clinics; 2.30 to 5 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics, Operations.

ROYAL INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC HEALTH, 37, Russell Square, W.C.1.—Wed., 4 p.m., Dr. D. Chalmers Watson, The Food of the Citizen.

ROYAL NORTHERN HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—Tues., 3.15 p.m., Dr. A. Lisle Punch, The Technique of Lipiodol Injections.

ST. MARK'S HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.1.—Thurs., 4.30 p.m., Mr. J. K. Hasler, Methods of Anaesthesia for Rectal Surgery.

ST. PAUL'S HOSPITAL FOR GENITO-URINARY DISEASES, Endell Street, W.C.2.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Mr. R. H. Jocelyn Swan, Renal Tuberculosis.

SOUTH-WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE ASSOCIATION, St. James's Hospital, Ouseley Road, Balham, S.W.—Wed., 4 p.m., Mr. E. D. Davis, Otitis Media.

WEST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, W.6.—Mon., 10 a.m., Gynaecological Wards, Genito-Urinary Operations, Skin Department; 11 a.m., Surgical Wards; 2 p.m., Surgical Wards, Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Gynaecological Out-patients. Tues., 9.30 a.m., Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Ward Demonstration, Dental Department; 11 a.m., Throat Operations; 11.30 a.m., Surgical Demonstration; 2 p.m., Operations, Medical, Surgical, and Throat Out-patients. Wed., 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Children's Medical Out-patients; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Eye Out-patients; 2.30 p.m., Gynaecological Operations; 4.45 p.m., Venereal Diseases Demonstration. Thurs., 10 a.m., Neurological Department; 11.30 a.m., Fracture Demonstration; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, Eye, and Genito-Urinary Out-patients; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Fri., 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Skin Department, Dental Department; 2 p.m., Medical, Surgical, and Throat Out-patients; 2.30 p.m., Operations. Sat., 9 a.m., Throat Operations; 10 a.m., Medical Wards, Surgical Out-patients, Children's Medical Out-patients.

GLASGOW POST-GRADUATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION.—At Faculty Hall, 242, St. Vincent Street: Tues., 4 p.m., Dr. J. M. Munro Kerr, Antenatal Care of the Expectant Mother. At Western Infirmary: Wed., 4.15 p.m., Mr. M. Logan Taylor, Surgical Cases.

LIVERPOOL UNIVERSITY CLINICAL SCHOOL ANTE-NATAL CLINICS.—Royal Infirmary: Mon and Thurs., 10.30 a.m. Maternity Hospital: Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., and Fri., 11.30 a.m.

MANCHESTER: ANCOATS HOSPITAL.—Thurs., 11 a.m., Mr. F. H. Diggle, Clinical Demonstration; 4.15 p.m., Dr. N. Kletz, Affections of the Colon.

MANCHESTER HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION, Hardman Street, Deansgate.—Wed., 4.30 p.m., Mr. E. S. Burt Hamilton, Vertigo.

MANCHESTER ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Tues., 4.15 p.m., Mr. J. P. Buckley, The Argument For and Against Gastro-Enterostomy. Fri., 4.15 p.m., Dr. E. B. Leech, Demonstration of Medical Cases.

MANCHESTER VICTORIA MEMORIAL JEWISH HOSPITAL, Elizabeth Street. Wed., 4.30 p.m., Mr. V. F. Lambert, Treatment of Acute Inflammation of the Nasal Sinuses.

SHEFFIELD UNIVERSITY POST-GRADUATE CLINICS.—At Royal Infirmary: Fri., 3.30 p.m., Dr. R. Hallam, Some Common Skin Diseases.

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Diary of the Association

NOVEMBER

13 Fri. Richmond Division: Royal Hospital, Richmond, 9 p.m.

15 Sun. West Suffolk Division: West Suffolk Hospital, 11.30 a.m. Sir Thomas Horder will hold a Clinic of Medical Cases.

17 Tues. London: Ship Surgeons Subcommittee, 2.30 p.m.
Croydon Division: Croydon General Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Paper by Dr. H. L. Tidy.
Dudley Division: Talbot Hotel, Stourbridge, 8.30 p.m. Supper.
Lewisham Division: Lewisham Hospital, 3.30 p.m. Clinical Meeting.

18 Wed. London: Committee on Private Practitioners and Treatment of Mental Illness, 2.15 p.m.
South-Eastern Counties Division: Railway Hotel, Newtown St. Boswells, 3 p.m. Address by Mr. A. E. Maylard.
Willesden Division: Willesden General Hospital, 9 p.m. Address by Dr. F. J. Browne.

19 Thurs. London: Insurance Acts Committee, 11.30 a.m.
Aberdeen and Kincardine Counties Division: The Library, 29, King Street, Aberdeen. Lecture by Dr. A. Greig Anderson.
Brighton Division: Infirmary, Elm Grove, Brighton, 3.30 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
Bournemouth Division: Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, 7.30 p.m. Annual Dinner.
Dorset and West Hants Branch: Royal Bath Hotel, Bournemouth, 7.15 for 7.30 p.m. Annual Dinner.
North of England Branch: Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Scientific Meeting. Papers: Dr. Donald Ramage, 2.30 p.m.; Mr. H. Harvey Evers, 3 p.m.; Dr. W. E. Hume, 3.30 p.m.; Mr. R. J. Willan, 4.15 p.m.; and Mr. T. A. Hindmarsh, 4.45 p.m.
Sunderland Division: Sunderland Royal Infirmary, 5 p.m. B.M.A. Lecture by Mr. Kenneth Walker. Annual Dinner, 7.30 p.m.
Swansea Division: Exhibition of Films by Dr. Urban Marks.

20 Fri. London: Mental Deficiency Committee, 2.30 p.m.
Hendon Division: Hendon Cottage Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Clinical Meeting. Paper by Mr. L. G. Phillips.
Plymouth Division: South Devon and East Cornwall Hospital, 8.30 p.m. Lecture by Dr. Shore.

21 Sat. West Suffolk Division: West Suffolk Hospital, Bury St. Edmunds, 8.45 p.m. Lecture by Mr. A. W. Bourne.

24 Tues. Kensington Division: Hammersmith Town Hall, Broadway, Hammersmith, 8.45 p.m.

25 Wed. Bath and Bristol Branch: Bath.
Kingston-on-Thames Division: Nuthall's Restaurant, 8 p.m. Annual Dinner.

26 Thurs. Isle of Thanet Division: Kent and Canterbury General Hospital, 3.30 p.m.
Portsmouth Division: Royal Portsmouth Hospital, 3 p.m. Clinical Meeting.
Newcastle-upon-Tyne Division: College of Medicine, 8.30 for 9 p.m. Reception and Dance.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 9s., which sum should be forwarded with the notice not later than the first post on Tuesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH

PRINGLE.—On October 13th, at Kuala Lumpur, F.M.S., to Elsie (née Thorp-Monks), wife of Dr. L. D. Pringle, Malayan Medical Service, a son.

DEATHS

BANNERMAN.—At R.A.F. Hospital, Halton, on November 2nd, the result of an accident, Flying Officer Ismay Bannerman, R.A.F. Medical Service, M.B., Ch.B.Ed., aged 25, of Stanhope, co. Durham.

RICE.—On November 3rd, at Palace Cottage, Crediton, Devon, George Rice, M.D., Consulting Physician, Derbyshire Royal Infirmary, aged 77 years.

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